



**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
Thursday, January 27, 2022  
**COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Chairperson, Ann Cochrane  
Vice Chairperson, Kenny Dahlen  
Jesse Hill  
Pandora Nash-Karner  
Bruce Hilton

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Nick Franco, Shaun Cooper, and Anna Diaz

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**1** Public Meeting via Teleconference

Motion was made to authorize a Zoom meeting for January 27.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the Commission adopt a Resolution approving the following:

1. Based on the recitals in the resolution, the Parks and Recreation Commission finds that holding in person public meetings would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees;  
and
2. Parks and Recreation staff is requested to return at the next regularly scheduled meeting after adoption of this resolution with an item for review and, if appropriate, renew the findings required by AB 361 to continue to hold public meetings under its provisions.

**DISCUSSION**

On March 4, 2020, California State Governor Gavin Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. That proclamation remains in effect to date. On

March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 that suspended the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting Law, the Brown Act (Government Code

Section 54950 et seq.). On June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, clarifying

the suspension of the teleconferencing rules set forth in the Brown Act, noting that those provisions would remain suspended through September 30, 2021.



On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), which allows legislative

bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue meeting by teleconference, provided they make certain findings, including that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. AB 361 requires that certain findings be made by the legislative body every 30 days.

This staff report is presented today for the Parks and Recreation Commission to consider the finding that

holding in person meetings would present imminent risks to the health or safety of board members, staff and all attendees of the San Luis Obispo County Parks and Recreation Commission public meetings. The Commission approved the initial resolution at the December 8, 2021 meeting and this resolution is a continuation of the initial resolution.

Staff recommends that the Commission consider invoking the provisions of AB 361 related to the holding of teleconferencing/virtual public meetings, which would apply to public meetings held by the

Parks and Recreation Commission, including all Brown Act committees.

The CDC has established a “Community Transmission” metric with four (4) tiers designed to reflect a

community’s COVID-19 case rate and percent positivity. The County of San Luis Obispo has community

transmission metric of “high”

(<https://www.cdc.gov/TemplatePackage/contrib/widgets/covidcountycheck/>). Further, the current surge of cases in the county is the highest recorded during the course of this pandemic.

**Motion by:** Eisner, Mike

**Second by:** Baldwin, Ranelle

<b>Commissioners:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>RECUSE</b>
Cochrane, Ann	X			
Nash-Karner, Pandora	X			
Hilton, Bruce	X			
Eisner, Mike	X			
Baldwin, Ranelle	X			

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**2** This is the time set for public comment on items that do not appear on the agenda.

No public comment but we did have Lauren, a student from Cal Poly here to observe the meeting.



**Motion by:**

**Second by:**

<b>Commissioners:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>RECUSE</b>
Cochrane, Ann Nash-Karner, Pandora Hilton, Bruce Eisner, Mike Baldwin, Ranelle				

### **COMMISSIONERS' ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA**

**3** This is the time set for any proposed adjustments to today's agenda.

Mike made a motion to move the election of the chair to the current time.

Commission will nominate and elect a Chair and Vice Chair for a one-year term.

**Motion by:** Eisner, Mike

**Second by:** Baldwin, Ranelle

<b>Commissioners:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>RECUSE</b>
Cochrane, Ann	X			
Nash-Karner, Pandora	X			
Hilton, Bruce	X			
Eisner, Mike	X			
Baldwin, Ranelle	X			

**4** Commission will nominate and elect a Chair and Vice Chair for a one-year term

Commissioner Eisner recommends we accept staff recommendation for the 2022 officers of the commission as presented.

### **Recommendations:**

Recommend that the Commission accept nominations for the Commission Chair and Vice Chair positions and elect nominated Commissioners to serve a one-year term.

**Background:** Commission Chair and Vice Chair serve for one-year terms. The Parks and Recreation Commission typically nominates and elects the Vice Chair to the Chair position and then nominates the next person in the rotation to be the new Vice Chair. By the end of 2020, both the Chair and Vice Chair were no longer on the Commission. In 2021, the Commission chose to rotate one additional year forward due to the vacancies. Continuing with the current rotation, Bruce Hilton would be installed as the Chair and Ann Cochran as the Vice Chair.

The prior three years and coming three-year rotations are as follows:

**2019**



Chairperson  
Vice-Chair

Cochran 1  
Dahlen 5  
Hill 4  
Nash-Karner 2  
Hilton 3

**2020**

Chairperson  
Vice-Chair

Dahlen 5  
Hill 4  
Nash-Karner 2  
Hilton 3  
Cochran 1

**2021**

Chairperson  
Vice-Chair

Nash-Karner 2  
Hilton 3  
Cochran 1  
Baldwin 5  
Eisner 4

**2022**

Chairperson  
Vice-Chair

Hilton 3  
Cochran 1  
Baldwin 5  
Eisner 4  
Nash-Karner 2

**2023**

Chairperson  
Vice-Chair

Cochran 1  
Baldwin 5  
Eisner 4  
Nash-Karner 2  
Hilton 3

**2024**

Chairperson  
Vice-Chair

Baldwin 5  
Eisner 4  
Nash-Karner 2  
Hilton 3  
Cochran 1

**Motion by:** Eisner, Mike

**Second by:** Baldwin, Ranelle

Commissioners:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Cochrane, Ann	X			
Nash-Karner, Pandora	X			
Hilton, Bruce	X			
Eisner, Mike	X			
Baldwin, Ranelle	X			

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS AND OUTREACH**



- 5 This is the time set for Commissioner remarks on their outreach efforts since the previous meeting.

Commissioner Eisner attended the South County Advisory Counsel meeting, mentioned the gas company was at Nipomo Park working on the skate park. Talked about an indoor marijuana grove that was approved near a park owned by the Land Conservancy.

Commissioner Baldwin was able to get some great hikes because of the great weather. She's been to Cuesta Ridge a few times, Irish Hills, and the beautiful Pismo Preserve. She also received an extended invite for the Park Commissioners to see the progress at the equestrian center at the Jack Ready Park.

Commissioner Nash-Karner had a meeting with Nick Franco, Parks Director, and others to discuss the Live Oak concert at El Chorro Park and possibly using airtime to advertise their event along with County Parks. Celebrate Los Osos and the County Business Improvement District want to put up an interpretive sign at the Los Osos Park with the history of the Red Barn. She is doing a lot of hiking.

Commissioner Cochran visited Temple Park, went to Los Padres National Forrest and saw some of the trail maintenance. They had a successful fundraiser for their club Central Coast Motorcycle Association (CCMA) earlier in this month.

Commissioner Hilton, drove by the Oceano Park and the campground and notice a new playground and mentioned the park looked like it was in great shape. Went on a back country ski trip in Yosemite on Monday and surfed on Saturday, just trying to get out and enjoy outdoor activities.

**Motion by:**

**Second by:**

Commissioners:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Cochrane, Ann Nash-Karner, Pandora Hilton, Bruce Eisner, Mike Baldwin, Ranelle				

#### **APPROVE DRAFT MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

- 6 This is the time set for consideration and acceptance of the previous meeting minutes.

Commissioner Nash-Karner motioned to accept minutes as written.

**Motion by:** Nash-Karner, Pandora

**Second by:** Eisner, Mike

Commissioners:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Cochrane, Ann				
Nash-Karner, Pandora	X			
Hilton, Bruce	X			
Eisner, Mike	X			
Baldwin, Ranelle	X			

**TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

- 7 This is the time set for a report on the latest Trails Advisory Committee meeting. This item is skipped when no meeting has occurred.

There was no meeting to report.

**Motion by:**

**Second by:**

Commissioners:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Cochrane, Ann Nash-Karner, Pandora Hilton, Bruce Eisner, Mike Baldwin, Ranelle				

**GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

- 8 This is the time set for a report on the latest Golf Advisory Committee meeting. This item is skipped when no meeting has occurred.

There was no meeting to report.

Discussion was made about the Top Tracer and how successful and great spot it is.

**Motion by:**

**Second by:**

Commissioners:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Cochrane, Ann Nash-Karner, Pandora Hilton, Bruce Eisner, Mike Baldwin, Ranelle				

**STAFF REPORTS**

- 9 Discuss the preparation of the Commission Annual Report for submission to the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion was made amongst the Commissioners on ideas and suggestions for the Commissioners Annual Report.



Commissioner Eisner volunteered to be on the Annual Report Committee for this coming year. Nick Franco, Parks Director explained what his role is as far as the annual report goes. Motion was made to elect Commissioner Hilton and Commissioner Eisner for the ad hoc committee to prepare the Commissioners Annual Report.

**Recommendation:** Discuss and provide recommendations for the overall theme and approach for the

Commission Annual Report for 2022 and establish an ad hoc committee to prepare the report.

**Discussion:**

The Commission prepares an Annual Report that is delivered to the Board of Supervisors to recognize accomplishments and outline goals that the Commission recommends for the Department of Parks and Recreation. The Commission often establishes an ad hoc committee to bring a draft to the Commission for consideration. This item is primarily for the Commission to discuss the general main themes or approaches that the Commission wishes to take in developing the annual report. The 2021 Annual Report is attached for consideration regarding the Commission's approach from last year.

**Other Agency Involvement:**

N/A

**Financial Considerations:**

N/A

**Motion by:** Baldwin, Ranelle

**Second by:** Nash-Karner, Pandora

<b>Commissioners:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>RECUSE</b>
Cochrane, Ann	X			
Nash-Karner, Pandora	X			
Hilton, Bruce	X			
Eisner, Mike	X			
Baldwin, Ranelle	X			

**DIRECTOR REPORT**

**10** This is the time set for the Director report.

Nick Franco, Parks Director spoke on the following:

1. Nipomo Skate Park
2. Concession Cabins at El Chorro Park (Golf)
3. Diary Creek Top Trace received the Innovation Award.
4. Sherwood design for
5. Live Oak – Tanya Richardson, Assistant Director spoke about Live Oak being held at El Chorro Park mid-June.

**Motion by:**

**Second by:**



Commissioners:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Cochrane, Ann Nash-Karner, Pandora Hilton, Bruce Eisner, Mike Baldwin, Ranelle				

**APPROVE LETTERS OF DONATION**

- 11** This is the time set for the Chairperson to acknowledge and accept any Letters of Donation received.

There are no letters of donation.

**Motion by:**

**Second by:**

Commissioners:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Cochrane, Ann Nash-Karner, Pandora Hilton, Bruce Eisner, Mike Baldwin, Ranelle				

**ADJOURNMENT**

- 12** Adjourn Meeting

Having no further business, meeting was adjourned.

**Motion by:**

**Second by:**

Commissioners:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Cochrane, Ann Nash-Karner, Pandora Hilton, Bruce Eisner, Mike Baldwin, Ranelle				